



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Wisconsin Chapter

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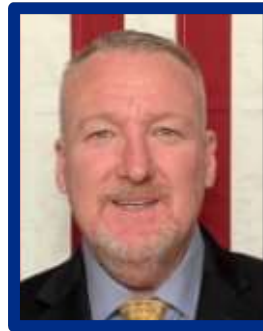
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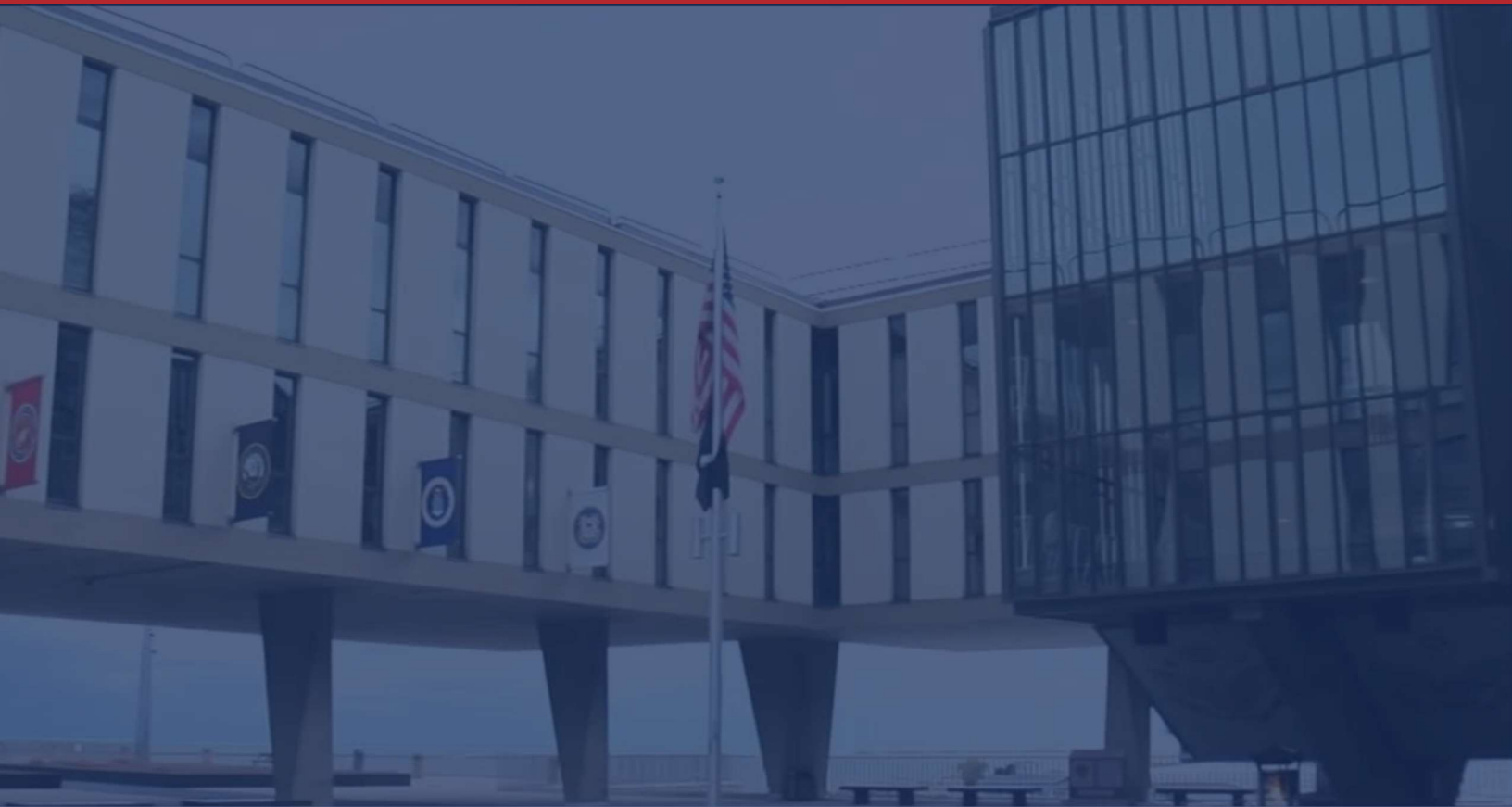


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Our Mission

The **Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI)** is dedicated to improving the quality of life for veterans living with SCI/D, as well as those affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). While part of the PVA national organization, our chapter is deeply committed to addressing the unique needs of our members across Wisconsin.



PVA-WI's IMPACT: 2025

SECURED OVER \$6.7
MILLION IN EARNED
BENEFITS



PROVIDED OVER 4,000 HOURS
IN SPORTS & RECREATIONAL
THERAPY OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPLIED OVER 400 WELLNESS
LUNCHES & EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS KITS



PERFORMED OVER 600
HOURS OF ADVOCACY
AND LEGISLATION WORK



Our Vision

To empower Wisconsin's paralyzed veterans through expanded access to high-quality healthcare, robust advocacy, inclusive adaptive fitness programs, and cutting-edge research and education—building a stronger, more connected veteran community statewide.

Strategic Goals

1

Quality Healthcare Access-
Improve healthcare outcomes and access for our members across Wisconsin

2

Advocacy & Legislative Engagement-
Strengthen advocacy efforts to protect and advance the rights of our members.

3

Adaptive Fitness & Recreation-
Expand access to adaptive sports and wellness programs throughout Wisconsin.

4

Research & Education-
Promote research and education that improves the lives of our members.



President's Report

As we look back on 2025, I am proud to share that the Paralyzed Veterans of America–Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) has continued to advance our mission with purpose, resilience, and unwavering commitment to those we serve. This year has been one of meaningful progress across our core pillars.

Throughout 2025, PVA-WI strengthened and expanded programming designed to enhance independence and improve the quality of life for our members. Our adaptive sports initiatives saw increased participation and deeper community engagement, while our outreach efforts ensured that members across rural and urban areas alike remained connected, supported, and heard.

We continued to strengthen our partnership with the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center's Spinal Cord Injury Center, collaborating to address gaps in care and improve access to critical services. Our advocacy efforts remained at the forefront, amplifying veterans' voices on issues ranging from accessibility to healthcare improvements. Personalized support—one of our chapter's greatest strengths—remained central to our work as we guided veterans to and through the benefits and resources they have earned.

With 2026 right around the corner, we have laid the groundwork for an even more impactful future. None of this progress would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, board leadership, donors, and community partners. Your support ensures that our members here in Wisconsin receive the care, connection, and opportunities they deserve.

Thank you for supporting us, believing in our mission, and helping us build a stronger, more inclusive future for our veterans and their families. With gratitude and optimism for the year ahead.



Todd M. Drazy
President/Chairman of the Board



A YEAR IN REVIEW

Adaptive Sports & Recreation

In 2025, our Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program achieved remarkable milestones once again, delivering more than 4,000 hours of therapeutic and recreational opportunities that continue to transform the lives of veterans across Wisconsin.

Our 4th Annual Adaptive Sports Bootcamp experienced significant growth through expanded partnerships with GLASA, WASA, and Wispact. Over two high-energy days, athletes rotated through a wide range of adaptive sports led by certified coaches and trainers. The lineup included disc golf, air rifle, adaptive fitness, boccia, softball, pickleball, tennis, basketball, an obstacle/slalom course, bowling, cycling, and field events. Beyond offering exceptional exercise and entertainment, the bootcamp also played a vital role in preparing our athletes for this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

At the 2025 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Minneapolis, MN, PVA-WI delivered an outstanding performance. Twenty-six members competed across more than 20 events, bringing home an impressive 51 medals. These accomplishments reflect not only their athletic talent and dedication, but also the powerful impact adaptive sports can have on confidence, independence, and overall well-being.

The ever-popular Salmon-A-Rama Fishing Tournament once again brought our members together in camaraderie and outdoor adventure, with 22 veterans enjoying the thrill of Lake Michigan fishing across 11 charter boats.

Our commitment to year-round engagement remains strong. Ongoing programs—including bowling, boccia ball, air rifle, and equine therapy—continued to flourish, offering consistent opportunities for recreation, rehabilitation, and connection.

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Our adaptive fitness programming also expanded meaningfully in 2025, producing measurable gains for participants. By increasing access to adaptive fitness opportunities and integrating nutrition education alongside physical training, members experienced improvements in weight management, strength and conditioning, balance, and coordination. Beyond these physical metrics, this holistic approach fostered increased energy, improved mental well-being, and greater confidence in daily life.



Membership and Outreach

Community engagement and outreach continued to grow in 2025, with our members and staff actively participating in awareness and fundraising events including Frost Fest, the Women Veterans Retreat, the Milwaukee MS Walk, and others throughout the state. In addition, we proudly distributed more than 400 wellness lunches and emergency preparedness kits, ensuring veterans and their families had essential support when they needed it most.

Our annual Holiday Party once again brought joy to veterans spending the season inpatient at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center's SCI Unit. This cherished tradition not only brightens the holidays for our members but also allows us to recognize the SCI staff selected by our chapter as delivering the very best in patient care.

At the 79th Annual PVA Convention in Austin, TX, PVA-WI was honored with the Membership Development Award for our growth in 2024. This award is presented to the chapter with the highest percentage increase in new members over the previous year—a distinction we earned through an impressive 13% growth, reflecting both our expanding reach and the strength of our veteran community.

Through ongoing strategic partnerships with corporations and foundations, we continue to expand the programs and services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of paralyzed and disabled veterans across Wisconsin. These collaborations help ensure our mission remains strong and our impact continues to grow.



Research & Education

PVA-WI remained deeply committed to excellence in research and education throughout 2025, advancing knowledge and support for individuals living with spinal cord injury and disease/dysfunction both locally and nationally.

Our scholarship program continued to invest in the future of healthcare by supporting students across a wide range of disciplines, including nursing, pre-medical studies, business administration, and biomedical engineering. These scholarships help cultivate the next generation of professionals who will contribute to improved care, innovation, and advocacy for those living with SCI/D, MS, and ALS.

We organized an Educational Fair for the Milwaukee VA SCI Unit, further demonstrating our dedication to equipping nurses and healthcare professionals with the most current information, tools, and best practices in the field. This event ensured that caregivers remain informed, empowered, and prepared to deliver the highest quality care.

PVA-WI members once again attended the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's Annual Reeve Summit, a national gathering that unites individuals impacted by paralysis—family members, caregivers, policymakers, researchers, and advocates. PVA-WI's own Scott Griffith, alongside Eric Allen, Marco Rossi, and Tom Wheaton, host a panel titled "Accessing Services by Connecting the Dots." Their session emphasized the critical importance of understanding and navigating the range of services, supports, and benefits available to veterans living with paralysis, empowering attendees to more effectively connect with the resources they need. The summit serves as an invaluable opportunity to learn, collaborate, and advance meaningful change.



Advocacy & Legislation

Following last year's honor in which our Government Relations Director, Scott Griffith, received the prestigious Richard Fuller Outstanding Achievement Award at the 78th Annual PVA National Convention, PVA-WI continued its strong advocacy presence in 2025. This year, more than 600 hours of advocacy and legislative work were dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of veterans living with spinal cord injury and disease/dysfunction.

A significant transition also took place within our leadership. After many years of exceptional service as Government Relations Director, Scott Griffith passed the torch to Ms. Christina Baurichter, who assumed the role with great enthusiasm and commitment. This "changing of the guard" reflects both continuity and renewed energy in our advocacy mission.

Scott and Christina attended the PVA Advocacy & Legislation Seminar in Washington, D.C., where the top national priorities included:

- Preserving the VA's SCI/D System of Care
- Increasing disability access within VA facilities
- Improving access to housing and vehicle modifications

A major milestone at the conference was the announcement that PVA's national petition to protect the SCI/D System of Care had reached nearly 3,500 signatures, a strong demonstration of grassroots engagement across the country.

Scott and Christina also visited all nine Wisconsin congressional offices, ensuring our state's veterans—and their critical needs—were clearly represented to lawmakers. We encourage all members to stay active and engaged through PVAAction Force, PVA's grassroots advocacy platform, as well as the PVA-WI Call to Action Center, where every voice contributes to meaningful change.



QUALITY HEALTHCARE & ACCESS TO BENEFITS

In 2025, PVA-WI continued its unwavering commitment to enhancing healthcare access and benefits support for our veterans. Under the exceptional leadership of our National Service Officer, Brenda Stencil, we secured more than \$6.7 million in earned benefits for our veterans. These critical resources supported adaptive housing modifications, vehicle adaptations, and essential medical equipment—directly improving independence, mobility, and quality of life for veterans across Wisconsin.

Our strengthened collaboration with the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center's Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Center and its outpatient clinics further advanced our ability to ensure comprehensive and coordinated care. Through open and consistent communication channels, we significantly reduced response times to critical issues and improved navigation of complex healthcare and benefits challenges. This partnership has become a cornerstone of our service delivery—transforming bureaucratic barriers into efficient, solutions-driven actions that directly support the veterans we serve.



Financial

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS	2024	2025
Cash & Equivalents	\$86,746	\$67,156
Other Receivables & Prepaid Expenses	\$775	\$0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$87,520	\$67,156
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$51,175	\$51,175
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(51,175)	(51,175)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	--	--
OTHER ASSETS		
Land Contracts Receivable	--	--
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	--	--
INVESTMENTS	\$2,176,134	\$2,240,825
TOTAL	\$2,263,654	\$2,307,981

Liabilities and Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$10,015	\$2,193
Accrued Liabilities	\$4,472	\$1,434
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$14,486	\$759
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,249,168	\$2,307,222
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$2,249,168	\$2,307,222
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$2,263,654	\$2,307,981

Final thoughts...

Our members:

Your courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our country inspire us every day. Your involvement—whether through leadership, participation in events and programs, sharing ideas, supporting fellow members, or simply staying connected—continues to guide our mission and strengthen our chapter. PVA-WI exists for you and because of you, and it's your commitment that makes this chapter feel like family.

Our supporters:

Your generosity and dedication continue to propel our mission forward. Whether shown through donations, volunteerism, advocacy, or simply helping us share our story, your support has made a direct and meaningful impact on the lives of veterans living with spinal cord injury, disease, dysfunction, MS, and ALS.

Your kindness does more than sustain our programs—it sends a powerful and enduring message to our veterans: they are seen, supported, and honored for their service and sacrifice.

Thank you for standing with us and for continuing to make a difference.

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What Next?

In 2026, we will focus on strengthening partnerships and building the program infrastructure needed to support our strategic plan. Key initiatives for the year include launching a Healthcare Navigation Program, forming an Advocacy Task Force, and initiating new collaborations with universities. These efforts will position PVA-WI to better serve our members, expand our impact, and create sustainable pathways for long-term growth.

